

this was accomplished the Lord would come. We are under obligations to carry out these last precious words of Jesus. This great thought of God should be the great thought of Conference:—*How to give a whole gospel to a whole world as it will best please him.*

WILL SHE DO IT?

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It is the hour of destiny. Upon us who live are the ends of the world come. The last great conflict is impending. The forces of light and of darkness are being marshalled. The guns of God's truth are being stationed. The walls of darkness must fall. The twentieth century dawns. "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon have gone forth." They that have sown in the wind must reap in the whirlwind of righteous wrath.

Spain has been a mighty nation. Her fleets have swept the seas. At the tread of her magnificent armies, thrones trembled, but her cup of iniquity is full. The hour of retribution has come. The last stronghold of Romanism is shattered. The Pope at Rome may weep, but the Virgin must come down, the Saviour exalted. The crucifix must be lowered, the crucified raised,—for God's truth is marching on. Spanish power dies, and the gates to vast mission fields are open.

China has been a mighty nation. Her walls for two thousand years shut off from communication, one fourth the world's population. Her hour, too, is come. Her walls are swiftly crumbling. Soon there will not be "one stone left upon another." The vultures of Europe have pounced upon her, and soon the defender of idolatry will be no more. "A sower went forth to sow, and the field was the world." To China that sower goes, and the gates to the millions in that benighted land are thrown open to the conquering Christ.

Turkey with her vast armies at one time thundered at every gate in Christendom. She threatened to spread her religion over the whole world by the sword. Now she falls upon her knees and begs for her very existence, Mohammedanism, the chief rival of Christianity, sees the light of day arising—odd do you say?—in the golden West. Her star is fading beneath the splendor of that Sun of Righteousness. A fisherman on Patmos Isle declared, "all nations shall come and worship before thee"—and Turkey comes with her millions. Thus we sit by the bedside of three chief enemies of Jesus and hear the death rattle in their throats. The last champion of idolatry, the last champion of Mohammedanism, and the last champion of Romanism, will soon be no more. Brethren, "can ye not discern the signs of the times? What meaneth all this?"

Africa has thrown open every gate. India has withdrawn from her fortification. Japan has torn down her walls. South America no walls has built. The doors are open to every isle of the sea. The Conqueror of Galilee rides on, "conquering and to conquer." The mighty armies of God are about to take pos-

session of the whole world to lay it at the feet of him who comes to reign. The gates at last are all open. The victorious army is about to rush in. How glorious to be holding every fort when he comes.

Will the Brethren church form a regiment—will she be in active service in the field—will a part of this final glory be hers—when he comes? This is the most important question before our coming conference. To procure men for this holy war, to properly equip them, and substantially provide for their welfare in the field, is her work, paramount to all else. *Will she do it?*

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WANTED! WANTED!! WANTED!!!

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The Brethren church wants one hundred young men to absolutely consecrate themselves to the Lord Jesus in the work of the ministry. To devise ways and means to supply this vital need is the most momentous question that the coming Conference can have to deal with. It is the most important because the *life of the church*, humanly speaking, depends upon it. It is greater than the publication interests, for the very life of the Board depends upon its solution. It is greater than missions, for it is the very beginning of such work. It is greater than the University problem, for it is primarily the object of that institution. In fact, it eclipses all questions with which we as a church have to deal. A forest that is without young timber, and is being gradually cleared, will soon be evidenced only by stumps. Unless the church deals wisely and quickly with the question of her ministry the greater evidence of their mortal existence will be grave-stones. No family name is perpetuated without sons and no church name is without ministers. When God promised Abraham that his seed should be like the stars for multitude he gave his grandson twelve boys. Give the church ministers and "in the fullness of time" she will have multitudes.

Charges and stations throughout the brotherhood are neglected and abandoned for the want of ministers. The result is grievous wolves, the scattering of the sheep, and some are again lost, wounded and helpless on the mountain of sin. Little good to the United States would have resulted in the surrender of Santiago if a general and his men had not been present to garrison and hold the place. So little, if any, good accrues to church or neighborhood in which a work has been slighted, for it lowers the standard of Christ in the eyes of the people and consequently weakens the power of the church.

Not only does the church need ministers to general her posts, but she needs young Philips to run into the desert, as well as to lift up the voice in the streets of the city. She needs pioneers who will be deaf to the call of the "almighty dollar," but will gladly obey a heavenly vision—men who present their bodies a living sacrifice and look for

glory and riches from heaven. Now this is her distressing need, but just how it should be filled and the best method to accomplish it, conference must decide.

A PLAN

A plan that doubtless would prove successful is that Conference should elect and employ a canvasser, one full of wisdom and the Holy Spirit, as well as having the other essential qualities of the good canvasser, who shall, in connection with a soul-stirring singer, who shall likewise be employed by Conference, go throughout the brotherhood, stopping in every congregation for one service, which shall be advertised and made known at least two weeks before the meeting so that the whole country around may attend. Let the canvasser represent first and foremost of all the theological department of Ashland College, calling for subscriptions to a fund that shall enable young men of "good report of them that are without" to take the whole theological course without cost for board or tuition, but who shall give their personal obligation to repay to the fund the amount of the cost of their schooling in ten equal annual payments dating from their graduation. This should be his prime object and for this the canvasser shall prepare himself and give a brief summary of the progress of Christianity, its great civilizing influence abroad, its astonishing social and moral benefits at home and its transforming power in the life of the individual. Then briefly point out the need of more men in the Christian ministry and the money to educate them, and show the blessing that will result to mankind from contributing to such a fund. Let him be brief, say with the soul what he has to say and talk to the point. Let the singer stir up the sentiment and souls of the people by singing appropriate music before the address and again after it, and, while he sings, let the audience be canvassed under the direction of some one of influence present who shall introduce the canvasser to them personally. Let both canvasser and singer go in to win and win. They could also represent the Publishing House, the College and Mission Board as side issues. This or some such plan should enable the church to secure fully one hundred young men to enter the theological department of Ashland College within the next year.

May the Lord help us in this vital matter, that an army of ministers of the Brethren church may go forth and contend with those who pervert the scriptures for the faith once delivered to the saints and keep it as Paul did.

TO THE S. S. C. E.

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Dear Sisters of the Endeavor:—Once again conference is approaching. Are we "making ready" for it? We trust you have had a prosperous year. Some of you, we know have had. God has blessed your labors and your efforts. In your efforts to be better and to do better, to build up the cause